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SUBJECT: REACTION TO U.S. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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1. IN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS WE HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE STABILIZING POLITICAL IMPACT EXERTED BY OUR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF GENERATORS AND FOOD TO DEAL WITH HAITI'S CRITICAL DROUGHT AND POWER SHORTAGE. SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE VISITING GOH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, AS WELL AS TWO KEY MILITARY OFFICERS NORMALLY RETICENT ON SUCH MATTERS, HAVE EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR USG ASSISTANCE AT A DIFFICULT TIME. USG HELP HAS REASSURED HAITIAN OFFICIALS PERENNIALY ANXIOUS ABOUT U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD THEIR GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY UNDER A NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

2. GOH SENSE OF GREATER CONFIDENCE IN TURN IS PRODUCING FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT. PRESIDENT DUVALIER, ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE, INTENDS TO MAKE FURTHER SIGNIFICANT RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND IS CONSIDERING A PUBLIC TRIAL FOR THOSE ACCUSED OF
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PRO-COMMUNIST CONSPIRATORIAL ACTIVITY -- AN APPROACH CONSIDERED RISKY IN PUBLIC RELATIONS TERMS BY SOME GOH ADVISORS, HOWEVER. MORE BROADLY, DUVALIER'S REFERENCE IN HIS APRIL 6 SPEECH TO THE NEED TO CHANGE "SUPERANNUATED AND SHAKY STRUCTURES" HAS EVOKED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE IN HAITIAN MEDIA, AND OPENING OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APRIL 22 IS WIDELY EXPECTED TO REVEAL ELEMENTS OF EVOLVING GOVERNMENT

STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH ECONOMIC WOES AND POLITICAL MALAISE
MORE EFFECTIVELY.
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